

## Message Text

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FM AMCONSUL MAZATLAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1614  
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CGEN  
SUBJ: DOWNED OR MISSING AIRCRAFT

REF: MAZATLAN'S 0107 AND STATE 077159

1. CONGRESSMAN BONKER'S OFFICE INTERESTED.
2. RE HELICOPTER PARTICIPATION IN SEARCH FOR MISSING AIR-  
CRAFT WITH ARTHUR WING: LIC. AVILES, FEDERAL DISTRICT  
ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, CULIACAN ASSURED CONSUL ON MARCH 17,  
19, 20, 21 AND 22 THAT HELICOPTERS IN COMBINATION WITH  
SPRAYING MISSIONS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH. FURTHER,  
CONSULATE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY'S DEA ASSISTANT  
DIRECTOR SAUCEDO WHO CONTACTED LIC. ALBA LEYVA, DEPUTY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO REQUEST HELICOPTER PARTICIPATION IN  
SEARCH, AND REPORTED TO CONSUL THAT LIC. LEYVA HAD ASSURED  
THAT ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WOULD BE RENDERED. AS SUGGESTED  
IN REFTEL, CONSUL WILL AGAIN CONTACT FEDERAL DA'S OFFICE AND  
REQUEST CONTINUED SEARCH ASSISTANCE.
3. IN CONSUL'S OPINION, AND CONSIDERING ELAPSED TIME, IT IS  
UNLIKELY THAT SEARCH IS STILL A LIFE-SAVING EFFORT. HOWEVER,  
CONSUL HAS BEEN INFORMED BY WING'S MEXICAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATE  
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THAT WING'S FRIENDS IN PRIVATE PLANES PLAN CONTINUE SEARCH  
UNTIL HE IS FOUND.

4. FYI: A TACOMA FRIEND OF MR. WING, MRS. BLACK, ASKED FOR  
CONSULAR ASSISTANCE IN CALLING ON A PRIEST WHO WAS CLOSE TO  
WING AND EMPLOYER OF HIS MEXICAN PASSENGER. ASSISTANCE WAS  
PROVIDED AND MRS. BLACK REPORTED THAT PRIEST SAID WING GOING

ON GOLD MINE HUNTING EXPEDITION, AS HE WAS LOOKING FOR BUSINESS  
INVESTMENT THIS FIELD. STATEMENT GIVES RISE TO POSSIBILITY  
HE MAY HAVE DEVIATED FROM FLIGHT PLAN, MAKING SEARCH FOR HIM  
VERY DIFFICULT. PRIVATE PLANES HAVE FLOWN OVER ALL KNOWN  
MINING AREAS WITH NO SUCCESS.  
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